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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Ruchika Singhal, Robert M. Skime and Carl D. Wahlstrand	Confirmation No.	6697
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Title:	IMPLANTATION OF LOW-PROFILE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE		

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 31, 2009, the period of response for which runs through June 30, 2009, please accept the following.

Remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.